

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 21st.March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

Present - J. Richards (Chairman) D. Tolfts (Vice Chairman) R. Atterbury, R. Lowe, Mrs G. Nisbet, Miss A. Ward, Mrs M. Gibbins & W. Simms

10 members of the public and PCSO L. Humfries were present.

100. Apologies.

P. Dunkley & W. Fursman (holiday) and J. Goodger (illness in the family)

101. Declaration of Interests.

W. Simms declared an interest in agenda item 8 – planning applications – DA/2011/0132 – outline application for one dwelling at 27 Watford Road, Crick – he has a relation who resides at the property.

102. Open meeting.

Members of the public reported that the Crick Car Boot adverts looked unsightly. The Chairman agreed to speak with the organiser.

Repairs had been carried out to the potholes in the village, but some repairs were unsatisfactory. (MGWSP will be contacted)

A report was received that large tractors were using Bucknills Lane, causing damage to the verges.

David & Margaret Thomas had completed work to the rose beds in the burial ground. He was thanked for his work. Comments were raised on the number of dogs, not on leads, that were using the burial ground.

Continuing odours were emanating from the BPC Ltd. site, when the wind was in the right direction. Overhanging branches were reported at a house in Main Road (a polite letter will be sent)

Lorraine Humfries (PCSO) outlined the crime in the village between 21/1/11 and 18/3/11. Police surgeries will be held in the mobile station outside the Post Office at 4pm on Monday 11/4/11 and Monday 13/5/11.

103. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st.February and the extraordinary meeting held on 28th. February 2011.

The two sets of minutes have been circulated previously. W. Simms proposed that both minutes were a true and correct record of the meetings. The proposal was seconded by Miss A. Ward and agreed by those present.

104. Circulations.

Minutes of Yelvertoft Parish Council meeting held on 14th.February 2011.
Clerk & Councils Direct magazine.
CPRE - 'Outlook' newsletter.
Newsletters of the Rural Services Network.

At this stage of the proceedings, R. Lowe proposed to deal with agenda item 12 – industrial noise nuisance. Members agreed to the proposal and the Chairman suspended the meeting of the Parish Council and returned to an open meeting, the majority of the members of the public raised concerns on the nuisance of a modulating noise that could be heard as far away as Hillmorton, Rugby and West Haddon in the opposite direction.

A resident from Southfields Drive, Crick explained that he, with the assistance of the DDC Environmental Health Officer, had carried out investigations to locate the source of the noise. The outcome of the investigation was that the noise source was identified as coming from a new pump house, next to an aeration tank at the Gazeley UK Ltd. construction site in Dockham Way. The site is for the new warehouse and pet food production for Butchers Pet Care Ltd. (BPC) The resident had taken photographs and a video of the noise source and forwarded these to Environmental Health. The noise problem was highlighted in the last edition of Crick News to encourage residents to register their complaint with DDC. Members agreed to write to Environmental Health to register their interest in the outcome and to advise the Officer of the continuing problem of odours emanating from the plant. The Chairman thanked the resident for his endeavours in locating the noise problem. The meeting then resumed.

105. Correspondence for information.

Central Networks has forwarded a new unmetered supply certificate that will expire in February 2012.

DDC has sent details of the increased charges for emptying the 124L waste bin at the Old School. R. Lowe proposed that the bin could be emptied on a fortnightly basis, or removed altogether, subject to consultation with the Old School Trustees.

The payment of the PWLB is due on 31/3/11 – the sum of £3,715.37.

Aone+, agents for the Highways Agency, is currently resurfacing the roundabout at Junction 18 of the M1. Nightly road closures will take place until 25/3/11.

The new fence and gate by St. Margaret's Church have been included on the Council's insurance policy and on the asset register.

A message of thanks, on behalf of the pupil's families, has been received from the Head of Crick Primary School, for the donation towards the cost of the school's field trips.

106. Correspondence for response.

NCC is proposing to introduce restrictions to parking – ‘No waiting at any time’ at the junction of High Street/Main Road, Crick to protect visibility and reduce the occurrence of obstruction. The proposal is for double yellow lines around the junction. Members welcomed the proposals. The Chairman reported that the Coop Store has submitted plans for parking and a proposed lay-by in Main Road. The plans are currently with NCC Highways.

DDC has sent out nomination papers for the Parish Council election, which will take place on Thursday 5th.May 2011. Nomination papers must be received at DDC no later than noon on 4th.April 2011.

NCC has announced that the grant for grass mowing for 2011 will be £855.11. The original payment of the grant was for the cost of four cuts to the verges and footpaths but due to budget cuts NCC is only prepared to pay the sum of £855.11, the cost of three cuts.

Crick PFA has awarded the playing field grass contract to Country Gardens of Desborough, the cost per cut will be £38.50.

107. Planning.

DA/2011/0132 – an outline application for one dwelling at 27 Watford Road, Crick. The plans and photographs were inspected. Members agreed that the views and traffic would not be effected and to make no comment.

DA/2011/0134 – an application for the installation of 3 x 30 cage scissor lifts within a cladded pod in lieu of the existing dock leveller at Tesco Stores Ltd. Danes Way, Crick. After examination of the plans members agreed to make no comment on the application.

DA/2010/0806 – an application for a car wash operation in the car park of the Wheatsheaf P.H. – the case officer has not sent an update on the application.

DDC Enforcement Officer has sent an update on the civil court action against the owner of Spring Water Farm. The local authorities are proposing to seek an Order for the sale of the owner’s registered freehold interest in the land to enable them to recover his financial indebtedness. It is a suitable course of action being mindful of the constraints/protractedness of the Courts’ procedures to resolve this matter, exacerbated by the fact that the owner has never responded to any notice or other approach/action by DDC.

The owner of Papillion Fields, subject of enforcement action by DDC – the agent of the owner has advised DDC that the owner was going to argue the 4-year immunity rule. The last on-site meeting with the owner and Enforcement Officers was in 2009 and the project was still incomplete.

DA/2011/0164 –an application for a first floor rear extension at 4 Thornton Close, Crick. The plans were inspected and members raised no objections.

DA/2011/0166 – an application for the conversion of a barn and outbuilding to a dwelling including the construction of a linking extension to a barn to the rear of 24 Yelvertoft Road, Crick. The plans, photographs, design and access statements were inspected and members raised no objection to the application.

108. War memorial – repair to stone.

Weldon Stone Ltd. has given a quotation of £397 + VAT to attend the site and take templates and to supply and repair the base stone. The failed pointing will be repaired free of charge. R. Atterbury proposed that the work should be carried out; the proposal was seconded and agreed unanimously.

109. Cooperative Bank – Guaranteed Investment Account.

The Investment Account matures on 22.3.11. The Clerk had circulated the options available to members prior to the meeting. Members did not require any changes to the investment and therefore the funds will be automatically reinvested over an identical term at the interest rate applicable on the date of maturity. The maturity balance will include accrued interest.

110. Cotmac – quotation for work to the burial ground.

The owner of the company has sent in a quotation for the construction of a concrete base as an extension to the existing base for the installation of headstones and to repair and strengthen the base beneath a headstone that is subsiding. It is estimated that two working days will be required. The quotation for the work including materials and labour is £420.00. W. Simms proposed that the quotation was acceptable; his proposal was seconded and agreed.

111. Footpath EM4 – improved drainage.

J. Goodger had updated the Chairman on the problems with EM4. NCC Rights of Way had attended the entrance at the West Haddon Road roundabout. The entrance has been drained from the bypass end and laid with stone. J. Goodger was satisfied with the end result. Members agreed to send a letter of thanks to Rights of Way.

112. NCC – request for additional grit bins.

The Chairman reported that he is still in contact with NCC/MGWSP to provide grit bins for the Paddock, Southfields Drive and Fallowfields. J. Goodger has requested a further grit bin for Drayson Lane/Oak Lane area.

113. Damage to streetlight 139 – High Street, Crick.

Streetlight No. 139 has been damaged by an unknown vehicle. The cost to replace the streetlight and reinstatement is £871. It has been confirmed that to claim on the Council's insurance there would be a £250 excess.

After discussion, it was agreed that the area where the streetlight is situated is likely to be rearranged when the Coop Store alter the parking arrangements in front of the shop. The replacement light can be considered after the alterations have been completed.

R. Lowe had proposed a possible money saving scheme, by switching off some of the village streetlights after 12 midnight (Pmn – E.on have stated that the current lights are fitted with 1 part photo electric cells to provide all night lighting. The company could supply, fit, wire and connect solar dial time switches for the sum of £192.52 + VAT. The time switches are very expensive in comparison to photo cells. There would be an increase in the maintenance charges and this would probably offset any potential savings made by switching the lights off)

114. Crick Millennium Wood Committee – request to purchase 2 picnic benches.

The Committee has requested the Parish Council to purchase a further two benches for the Millennium Wood and Cracks Hill. The cost will be £812 inc. VAT. The Committee will fund one bench and the Scout Group the other. The benches from Marmax Ltd will be made of vandal proof plastic. R. Lowe proposed that the Council purchase the benches; the proposal was seconded by Mrs M. Gibbins and agreed by those present.

115. Gazeley UK Ltd. – Community funding – overseeing panel.

The Chairman reported that he had written to various people to form the overseeing panel for the funding from Gazeley UK Ltd. Positive replies have been received from Sarah Alexander, M.D. BPC Ltd. Mr. Robert Cave and Mr. Tom Marks. Replies are awaited from Mr. R. Chamberlain, Chairman of Kilsby Parish Council and Colin Mynott. Mrs Gloria Stephenson will be working in London and has asked to be put in reserve.

Six applications for funding have been received to-date. R. Lowe has amended the overseeing panel's 'Terms of Reference' having taken note of comments received from P. Dunkley and J. Goodger. (A copy of the Terms of Reference will be included with the filed minutes)

116. Scarecrow Week-end – formal support of the Parish Council.

R. Lowe informed the meeting that to obtain funding from DDC for the Scarecrow week-end, the Parish Council needs to formally support the Scarecrow week-end on 9th/10th. July 2011. R. Atterbury proposed that the Parish Council formally support the event. The proposal was seconded by W. Simms and agreed unanimously.

117. DDH – update on Bucknills Lane housing.

Mrs G. Nisbet reported that DDH had tidied and improved the area where the homes are to be demolished, grills are in place and a new fence has been erected between the houses and the Village Hall (Pmn – update from Dyane Pike, DDH, has been circulated to all)

118. DWH & Gallagher Homes – update on proposals.

There is no further update on any future housing proposals to that stated at the February meeting, other than DWH has made mention of a contribution to the CSFA.

R. Lowe informed the meeting that the solicitors acting on behalf of DDC regarding the S106 Agreement with DWH are having problems with DWH Solicitors, who are responding very slowly.

The Chairman proposed the setting up of a Parish Council 'wish list' in respect of the DIRFT III proposals, these to be discussed at the April meeting. The 'wish list' should then be sent to Prologis and DDC before the consultation period ends. The proposal was seconded and agreed.

119. Accounts for payment and account balances.

The following invoices, as listed on the agenda, have been received, plus cheque number 604 which is needed to be signed as an emergency payment for a deposit for a science project which is to take place over the Scarecrow week-end.

Cheque No. 597 – NCC Crick Primary School - £1,000.00 – donation towards field trips.

No. 598 – Robin Quinney – refurbish 2 graves - £40.00.

No. 599 – Mike Henson Presentations Ltd. – website charges 2011 - £612.00.

No. 600 – Crick Old School Trustees – hall hire 2011 + 1/3rd of electricity charge - £505.33.

No. 601 – Navigus planning – annual subscription for journals - £50.00.

No. 602 – E. On Energy – streetlight repair x 3 - £111.78.

No. 603 – R. Candelent - £400.00 – refund of fine from HMR&C + £119.74 - purchase of gravel - £69.16 – purchase of boarding & £15.77 payback team refreshments – cheque total £604.67 – Gravel and boarding from Travis Perkins for Yelvertoft Road footpath. The refund of fine listed in administration and remainder in village maintenance.

No. 604 – Sublime Science Ltd. – deposit for science project during Scarecrow Week-end - £50.00. The balance of £202 is to be paid during the event.

Income since the February meeting-

£400.00 from Crick PFA – donation towards the firework event - 2010.

£40.00 stall hire at Scarecrow Week-end – 3 stalls.

£50 – fee for a memorial in the burial ground.

£400.00 from HMR&C – refund of fine imposed for late payment of 2009/10 PAYE records.

Account balances – current account £30,262.35 (25.2.11) £20,000 income from Gazeley UK Ltd. not yet transferred into Community Account. Investment account - £40,965.17 + interest from September 2010 to March 2011.

Cheques outstanding total - £1272.57. Total of cheques above - £2,973.78. The balance at the end of the financial year is estimated at approx. £3,240.

120. **Agenda items for the meeting on 18th.April 2011.**

Usage of IT Centre – including a new location for circulations + subsidising the Old School electricity costs.

121. **Open meeting.**

Asbestos sheets still remain in the hedgerow on the Yelvertoft Road footpath – NCC to be made aware with a request for their removal (agenda item for April)

Car wash at the Wheatsheaf P.H. – the boundary wall is losing more bricks and becoming a danger. An enquiry will be made with DDC Planning regarding permission to use the car park as a car wash and the withdrawn planning application to have the wall rebuilt.

A member of the public queried the funding from Gazeley UK Ltd and BPC. The Chairman explained that the funds were a part of the S106 Agreement with the developer and BPC. The funds can only go to projects towards improvements to the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the Parish. Gazeley UK Ltd has contributed £20,000 in 2010/11 and BPC will contribute a further £20,000 in the next financial year plus £5,000 per year over the next four years. All applications from groups/organisations will be vetted by an overseeing panel, which will make recommendations to the Parish Council. Separate accounts for this funding will be maintained.

Complaints were received of congestion outside the Coop Store and the Ex-Servicemen's Club. The litter in the lay-by by the weighbridge on A428 is increasing (Request will be made to DDC to have two collections per week. The old road to MMP is being used as a toilet by HGV drivers. Dog mess continues to create problems throughout the village.

R. Lowe requested an update from NCC and DDC stating the effect their budget cuts will have on rural communities.

No other issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed.

Chairman.

18.4.11.